

# Civilian, DMOC win simulation, modeling, awards

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Adam Clark, a DOD employee at the Air Force Materiel Command Office of Aerospace Studies, and the Distributed Mission Operations Center, Detachment 4, Air Force C2 Training and Innovation Group, at Kirtland AFB both received the annual Air Force Modeling and Simulation Awards for 2003.

Mr. Clark won the award in the analysis area and "DMOC" won in the training category.

The award is given by the Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation, Orlando, Fla., to recognize outstanding achievement in the development or application of models and simulations within the department in areas of training, analysis and acquisition and for cross-functional efforts that involve two or more of the functional areas.

Mr. Clark is credited with contributing to the "incorporation and acceptance of model and simulation techniques" and providing "critical simulation power to the Airborne Laser Program Office and the Air Force Logistics Management Agency." Additionally, he is credited with opening the door for improvements in civilian hiring.

"I was really surprised by the award," Mr. Clark said. "It is such an honor to be recognized at the Air Force level. I think that winning this type of award says a lot about the organization because it shows that they take the time to nominate its people."

Presentation of the awards was Feb. 25 during a modeling and simulation conference in Orlando.

Mr. Clark and three others selected for award progress to competition for the DOD-level of the award.

The Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation, commanded by Col. David "V8" Votipka, is a field operation agency of the deputy chief of staff for warfighter integration in the Pentagon and is in the Orlando Central Florida Research Park.



## Running with the wind

**Capt. Deborah Brostek of the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center runs on the newly completed section of the Multi-use Trail constructed through Quality of Life funds for 2003. The six-foot-wide asphalt trail along Hardin Boulevard connects to the first two phases of the trail that ultimately will stretch from the golf course to the West Fitness Center, including Wyoming, Eubank and Truman gates.**

**Photo by Todd Berenger**





Photo by Keith Pedersen

### Sing it, ladies!

Local choirs, including the Chapel's Gospel Choir, celebrated in the annual Gospel Fest Feb. 22. Chap., Col., Nat Crawford, the Air Force Materiel Command's command chaplain, preached at the morning Protestant worship service. The Gospel Fest is part of events during the African-American Heritage Month.

# COMMENTARY

## Seatbelts: everyone's happy when you use them

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Seatbelts. I am sure that this is a topic near and dear to all of us.

Well it is.

In your personal life, your families certainly appreciate that you return home each night, that they reach vacation destinations with the family intact ready to enjoy planned activities.

Your co-workers and friends are glad to see you, if for no other reason, at least on the part of co-workers, that they do not have to pick up the extra workload.

Emergency responders, law enforcement folks and supervisors are happy that they are spared from having to comply with a very depressing part of their jobs.

Your Safety Office is ecstatic; we do not have to get involved (work) with our military personnel or your family members if the accident happens on base. Mishap or accident investigations are not fun in any case, however when it could have been prevented by use of personal protective equipment, a seatbelt properly worn, they are depressing.

New Mexico, in general, has a terrible motor vehicle record. Our driving under the influence of alcohol rate

and occurrence of accidents is high. Therefore your chances of being involved in an accident are high.

On base, minor accidents—fender benders if you like—are common, seatbelts play a very important role in reducing injuries or even preventing some.

The Kirtland AFB seatbelt usage record is not perfect, but good. Can it be improved, YES.

Given the fact that both New Mexico and the Air Force have a mandatory seatbelt requirement, our seatbelt use should be 100 percent for everyone in the vehicle. Currently, we do not have a 100 percent compliance rate.

As my wife and I entered the base this morning, our security forces were conducting a seatbelt check. The only unfortunate aspect to this was that approximately four vehicles were pulled off to the side waiting to receive written citations.

Unfortunate in two ways, one aspect was that an incoming lane was shut down so that our security folks had a safe place to issue the citations therefore slowing down traffic entering the base and the second was that some folks were going to have to pay the fed-

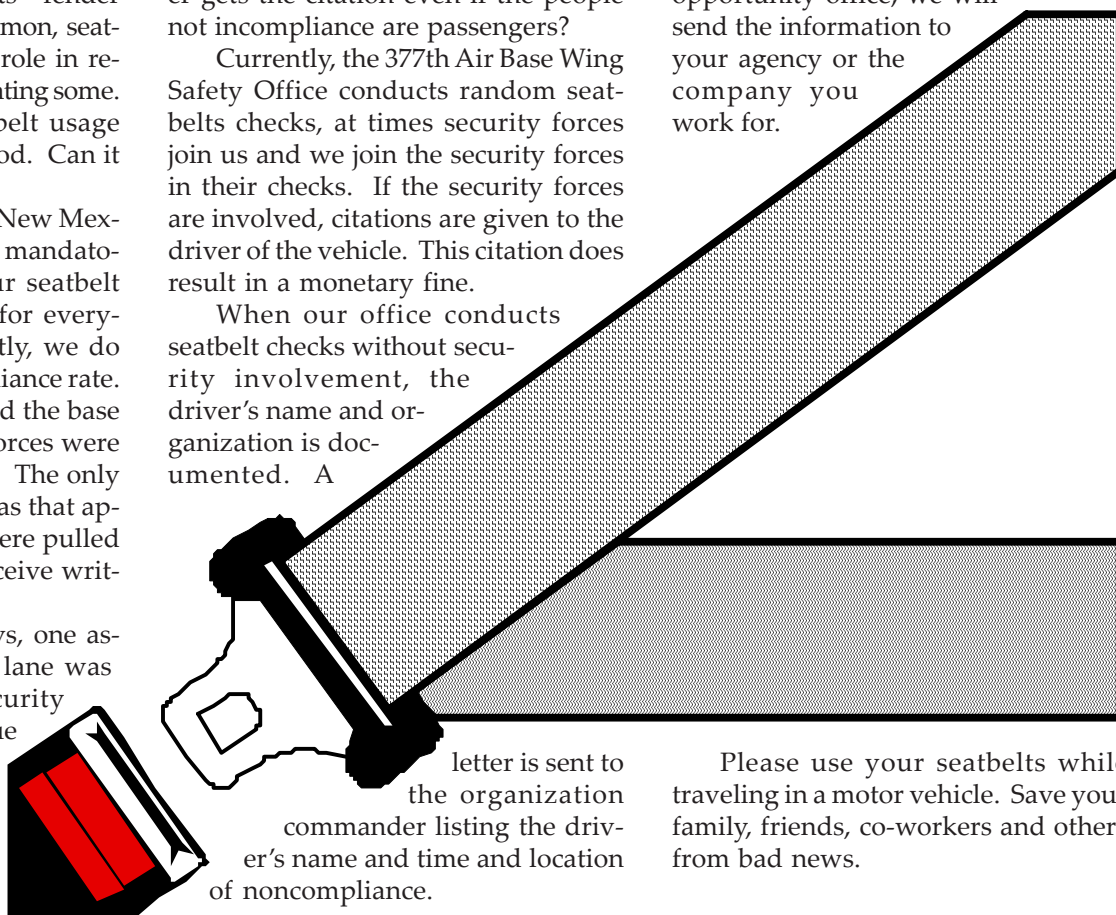
eral magistrate some money as a fine.

By the way, did you know that under Air Force and DOD policy, the driver gets the citation even if the people not in compliance are passengers?

Currently, the 377th Air Base Wing Safety Office conducts random seatbelts checks, at times security forces join us and we join the security forces in their checks. If the security forces are involved, citations are given to the driver of the vehicle. This citation does result in a monetary fine.

When our office conducts seatbelt checks without security involvement, the driver's name and organization is documented. A

If you are a civilian contractor or work for an agency other than the Air Force, don't worry. We are an equal opportunity office, we will send the information to your agency or the company you work for.



letter is sent to the organization commander listing the driver's name and time and location of noncompliance.

Please use your seatbelts while traveling in a motor vehicle. Save your family, friends, co-workers and others from bad news.